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Food Blockade Of Batavia

BATAVIA, DEC. 6. THE INDONESIANS IN THE BATAVIA AREA ARE GRADUALLY ENFORCING THE RIGID FOOD BLOCKADE OF THE CITY, AND IT IS BECOMING EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT FOR EUROPEANS TO BUY FOOD IN THE MARKETS. MOST EUROPEANS ARE NOW LIVING ON ARMY RATIONS, BUT CHINESE RESTAURANT PROPRIETORS ARE MOSTLY IGNORING THE WARNINGS NOT TO SUPPLY MEALS TO THE ALLIED TROOPS.

Bevin's Blunt Language

LONDON, DEC. 6. FOREIGN SECRETARY ERNEST BEVIN DECLARED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FRANCO REGIME IN SPAIN HAS NOT CHANGED. "WE DEFEST THE REGIME," HE SAID BLUNTLY. His statement was in response to a question whether the recent acceptance by Britain of a new Spanish Ambassador was not in fact a tacit recognition of the Franco regime. Bevin said that the British Government was giving no political support to Spain's "fascist dictatorship." It was not merely the man but the whole regime with which we had no sympathy, he said. Bevin acknowledged that the treaty of 22 Spanish Republics, previously suspended after its proclamation by the British Ambassador, would be resumed shortly.

U.S. Seeking Trade Pacts

Washington, Dec. 6. The United States State Department is understood to seek as quickly as possible a world-wide series of trade pacts. The countries named are: Soviet Russia, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Cuba and France. Having tied up these agreements, Washington proposes a trade conference in the Spring to prepare the way for a big international meeting later on world economic co-operation. The latest trade reports received by Reuters in Washington indicate that a French Economic Mission will leave France for Washington shortly to negotiate substantial commercial credits in addition to a new loan. — Reuters.

First Move To Nanking

Chungking, Dec. 6. A Cabinet spokesman said today that China's Executive Yuan would meet in Nanking after December 15. The spokesman, Mr. P. H. Chang, added that Premier T. V. Soong planned to move to the former capital and that personnel from the various Ministries would be established in Nanking within ten days, although the Government would remain in Chungking. Some 1,500 Government workers will be flown to Nanking before December 15, Chang said. — Associated Press.

JUST ANOTHER RUMOUR

Washington, Dec. 6. The White House today said flatly that President Truman has no intention of attending the Foreign Secretaries' Conference in London. The British Press Association had earlier quoted the United Nations Preparatory Commission delegates as saying that Truman might attend the January meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia, France and China. — Associated Press.

LONDON, DEC. 6. The United Nations Preparatory Commission has agreed to the constitution by the Economic and Social Council of the New World Organisation of the League of Nations Opium Section. — Reuters.

KONOYE'S ARREST ORDERED

Tokyo, Dec. 6. General MacArthur today ordered the arrest of Prince Fumimaro Kono, three times Premier of Japan, and of Marquis Kido, the Emperor's right-hand man throughout the war, and seven others as war criminal suspects. — Associated Press.

CHIANG'S APPEALS TO AMERICA

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS OF THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK TO-DAY HEARD THAT ON OCTOBER 28, 1941, CHIANG KAI-SHEK PLEADED THAT A HIGH RANKING AMERICAN OFFICER BE SENT TO CHINA TO TAKE OVER HIS AIR FORCE. The Generalissimo's plea was to Washington included a plea that the British and American air forces be thrown into combat with the Japanese. Also on record was a direct appeal from Chiang Kai-shek to President Roosevelt on November 2, 1941, asking the United States to draw on its air arm in the Philippines to provide an active unit or reserve force to defend Kunning and the Burma Road. — Associated Press.

San Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 6. An All-Brazil count of the recent presidential election returns gives General Dutra (Social Democrat) 344,000 votes, Brigadier Eduardo Gomes (National Democratic Union) 230,000, Mr. Yeddo Fiuzza (Communist) 109,000, and Mario Telles (National Agrarian) 3,000. — Reuters.

Goering's Threat To Czechs

NUERNBERG, DEC. 6. HERMANN GOERING SHATTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S LAST WILL TO RESIST HITLER'S WAR MACHINE WITH AN ULTIMATUM THAT "HALL OF FRAGILE WILL LIE IN RUINS FROM AERIAL BOMBARDMENT WITHIN TWO HOURS." THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL WAS TOLD TO-DAY. THE AMERICAN PROSECUTORS AT THE TRIAL OF GOERING AND 19 OTHER NAZI LEADERS ACCUSED OF WAR CRIMES LAID BEFORE THE COURT OFFICIAL GERMAN RECORDS AND FRENCH AND BRITISH DIPLOMATIC REPORTS DISCLOSED THE HITLER PATTERN OF THREATS, TREACHERY AND BROKEN PROMISES THAT CRUSHED THE CZECHS ONLY FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE MUNICH PACT.

The prosecution disclosed how the Czech President, Emil Hacha, was imperiously summoned to Berlin by Hitler before German troops marched across the border on March 14, 1939, and was told that Prague would be bombed if the Czechs fired on the Nazis. Under pressure, German records showed, Hacha finally gave in and the next morning the Germans poured over the border without opposition.

The Deputy British Prosecutor, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, resumed the British case by dealing with the first 15 of the 69 international agreements and treaties which were flouted by the Nazis between 1933 and 1941. When Sir David read the naval limitations of the Versailles Treaty, Admiral Doenitz, director of Germany's ruthless U-boat war until he assumed the overall command of the Reich Navy, sat smiling, and his smile broadened as he leaned forward to speak to Goering when the ban on German submarines, even on building for commercial purposes, was mentioned.

Goering, too, apparently enjoyed the "joke." He said that the DAILY EXPRESS HEADLINE "Dr. Fritz Sauter, Ribbentrop's counsel, said to-day that the former Nazi Ambassador in London is working over-time on the list of questions that he hopes to send Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Kennedy by the week-end. "I cannot disclose the exact questions, but they are designed to elicit answers that will show Ribbentrop is guiltless of any charge of conspiring to wage an aggressive war," counsel said. "He is confident that all the questions will be answered without reservation and that the answers will play an important part in his defence." Ribbentrop was said to be framing a question on the "Daily Express" headline "There will be no war," in the hope of proving that his attempts to prevent war had been so great that such a headline was justified. — Associated Press and Reuters.

THE WEATHER

To-day's weather forecast: Light winds, fair to fine; mild. Yesterday's temperature: Maximum: 77 degrees at 2 p.m. Minimum: 64 degrees at 3.30 a.m.

CANTON STILL A BIT FIDGETY

TENSION OVER THE COMMUNIST SITUATION IN THE CANTON AREA WAS INTENSIFIED DURING THE PAST WEEK BY SEVERAL INCIDENTS, INCLUDING A THREAT OF "AN AMERICAN BLOOD PURGE." THE WARNING WAS DELIVERED TO THE AMERICAN-OPERATED AIRFIELD IN AN ANONYMOUS NOTE, AMERICAN OFFICERS FROM CANTON REPORTED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY. THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THE THREAT WAS NOT TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY ALTHOUGH SOME PRECAUTIONARY STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ASSURE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF ISOLATED INCIDENTS.

Chinese army guards were increased around the airfield with mounted machineguns to ensure protection of installations, aircraft and large supplies of aviation gasoline. The commanding officer of the army air transport command imposed a rule against A.T.C. personnel remaining in Canton city proper after dark, "just to minimize the chance of trouble." The approximately 100 American military personnel in Canton are billeted in the European settlement on Shamshu Island, separated from the city by a creek but connected by several bridges.

A rifle bullet hit the air transport command headquarters building over the heads of four Americans Tuesday, but officers refused to speculate on whether it was intentional or a stray shot. They said shooting is frequent heard in the city from target practice of the American-trained and equipped First Army, which now is garrisoning Canton.

There are no armed American units in Canton. The Americans said armed Chinese troops were placed in guard a few nights ago around an outlying building in which Americans were observing the opening of the consulate, but there were no incidents. They seem to view the situation with good humour instead of gravity.

RUMOURS RIFE Rumours have been rife of tension in Canton over reported Communist infiltrations and minor raids by irregulars along railroad line supply posts. Some of the Americans said two truckloads of wounded Chinese soldiers were brought into Canton a few nights ago. They said the Chinese military was very hush-hush about it and they didn't know any details, but they said they didn't hear any shooting in Canton.

However, shortly afterward Government troops stayed several nights in Canton, circling a city block while the search proceeded. Military patrols on streets have been increased. One of the said machineguns recently were established at each end of the bridge to Honam Island, where Japanese prisoners of war are interned.

For several days last week the curfew was advanced from 11 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Hong Kong visitors reported, and the military picked up after-curfew loiterers for questioning. The curfew now has been returned to 11 p.m.

Land Dealings Possible

BY PROCLAMATION NO. 6, THE MORATORIUM PROCLAMATION "DEALINGS IN LAND, EXCEPT SUCH AS WERE GIVEN EXEMPTION, WERE PROHIBITED." By order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, the exemptions have been extended to leases or tenancies for any term or any agreement for the granting of the same, save in cases where the title of the Crown lease has been affected during the period of the Japanese occupation, either by way of assignment or mortgage or other charge in any other way whatsoever not specifically stated in the said order. "Up till now, leases or tenancy agreements could only be made for terms not exceeding one year."

ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN AGREEMENT REACHED

LONDON, DEC. 6. THE SIGNING OF THE ANGLO-UNITED STATES LOAN AGREEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON THIS MORNING. AFTER TWELVE WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, BRITAIN IS TO RECEIVE A UNITED STATES LOAN OF \$4,400,000,000. THE NEGOTIATORS AGREED ON THE TERMS OF THE LOAN LAST NIGHT AFTER FINAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING POINTS OF DETAIL. An official announcement will, it is believed, be made to-night.

although there is a possibility that the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will make an announcement on the results of the negotiations when the House of Commons meets to-day.

The British delegation is going on to Ottawa to seek a further credit from Canada. It is suggested in Washington that the loan sought will be of about 93,000,000 Sterling. Washington also learns that Moscow circles expect that once the Anglo-American loan talks are completed, large United States credits for Russia will come up for consideration.

SOVIET EXPECTATIONS Mr. Eric Downton, Reuters' correspondent in Moscow, mentions similar expectations in the Soviet capital, adding that when the members of the United States Committee on Post-war Economic Policy and Planning saw M. Stalin recently in Moscow, they were reported to have touched on the subject of credits and the Generalissimo was "most interested," according to United States sources. No public reference was ever made in Moscow to the possibility of such assistance from America. — Reuters.

Suit Against American President Lines

NEW YORK, DEC. 6. SIX SEAMEN TO-DAY FILED SUIT WITH THE FEDERAL COURT FOR \$600,000 DAMAGES CHARGING THAT AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINE HAD ABANDONED THEM AT MANILA FOUR DAYS AFTER THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK, LEAVING THEM AT THE MERCY OF THE JAPANESE. Each of them asked for \$100,000 contending that they were unduly exposed to war hazards and other hardships which injured their health and might result in permanent disability.

The seamen said they were interned at Santo Tomas and Losbanos until they were liberated by the American forces. They contended that they were hired by the American President Lines under an agreement providing for safe transportation back to the United States. While they were ashore, their ship, the "President Grant," sailed without notice, they said. — Associated Press.

UNSAFE TO STAY The Hong Kong agent of the American President Lines, Mr. T. B. Wilson, stated that the "President Grant" was discharging cargo when the Manila attack started. As it was unsafe for the ship to remain in harbour it was unfortunate that the Manila authorities ordered the vessel away at a moment when six members of the crew were ashore. It was, therefore, no fault of the company, Mr. Wilson said.

Mr. Wilson added that the seamen who were interned by the Japanese have been receiving full pay during the whole period.

DEATH OF LORD LANG

LONDON, DEC. 6. LORD LANG, FORMER ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, DIED YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 81. He and former Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin were generally credited with leading the movement which resulted in the abdication of King Edward VIII for "the lady I love" and his subsequent departure from England. Archbishop Lang crowned King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. He collapsed in the street at Kew, where he lived. — Associated Press.

Communists Want Democratic Coalition

YENAN, DEC. 6. LIU SHAO-CHI, A HIGH CHINESE COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN, DECLARED TO-DAY THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS OPPOSED TO THE RUSSIAN STYLE OF COMMUNISM IN CHINA AND THAT ITS FIRST CONCERN WAS THE FOUNDING OF A DEMOCRATIC COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR CHINA. LIU TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE PARTY WAS ANXIOUS FOR A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT EVEN IF THE FORTHCOMING PEACE TALKS IN CHUNGKING FAIL.

General Chu Teh, Communist Commander-in-Chief, told reporters that the Communists did not dispute the Central Government's sovereignty over Manchuria "but we want a government there based on democratic principles." "Liu said that his party believed China could best revive under a long period of political and economic democracy with capitalistic incentive in economic development. Liu asserted that the Communists favour the turning over of Japanese holdings in Manchuria to private capital, except railroads and big mines, which would operate under State control. — Associated Press.

Refusing Taxes!

Vienna, Dec. 6. For the first time in history, the Austrian Exchequer is refusing to accept taxes. The people in Vienna are queuing up to pay tax under a new law the present Austrian currency will be invalid after December 20. Black-market dealers in particular are attempting to unload enormous sums for which they cannot account. — Reuters.

BYRNES WARNS FRANCE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES BYRNES WARNED FRANCE LATE YESTERDAY THAT IF SHE CONTINUES TO OPPOSE MEASURES FOR CENTRALISATION OF CONTROL IN GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE WILLING TO ESTABLISH CENTRALISATION MEASURES IN THE RUSSIAN, BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES, LEAVING FRANCE OUT.

The development came on the heels of recent official reports citing the French attitude as one of the major hurdles to working out an efficient occupation policy in Germany.

Byrnes mentioned centralisation of transportation and currency control in the three occupation zones as major needs. He said the United States might suggest action without France if the French representative on the Allied control council continues to block action under the unanimity rule.

France wants to determine first whether the Ruhr and Rhine land are to be separated from Germany. — Associated Press.

Claire Luce Debunks Delay

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6. CLARE BOOTH LUCE, REPUBLICAN OF CONNETTICUT, TO-DAY ACCUSED REPRESENTATIVE HUGH DELACY, DEMOCRAT OF WASHINGTON, OF PRESENTING AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ERRORS IN HIS RECENT HOUSE SPEECH ON THE PART PLAYED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN THE WAR. QUOTING DELACY AS SAYING THAT JAPANESE WERE DISARMED MORE QUICKLY IN CHINA AREA WHERE THE COMMUNIST-LED TROOPS WERE STRONG, LUCE TOLD THE HOUSE:

"Any one who takes the trouble to look at the map of China will see that on V-J Day the Japanese occupied in China, not counting Manchuria, at least 50 cities of populations of 100,000 or more."

"Three months later the Communists had succeeded in recovering exactly one of these cities—Chefoo—while Government forces, in some cases with American help, had taken over all the other cities and disarmed at least two-thirds of all the Japanese soldiers in China."

Asserting that "another Communist lie is that they did a better job during the war than Chiang Kai-shek's forces," Luce added: "This can be punctured with grim figures."

"The Japanese audit shows upwards of 2,000,000 killed and wounded in China and the Communists know they would be laughed at if they claimed as many as 200,000 Japanese casualties." — Associated Press.

Seven More To Be Arrested

Tokyo, Dec. 6. Seven war criminal suspects listed by Gen. MacArthur today include Vice-Admiral Takagi Godo, unofficial envoy to Germany to present Japan's side of the story of the China incident, Shogoro Odato, Politician, economist, Takera Ogata, Vice President of the Tokyo newspaper "Asahi," Viscount Masatoshi Okochi, industrialist, Lieut.-General Hiroshita Oshima, Japanese Ambassador to Germany since 1938, who arrived in Japan to-day, Count Tademasu Sakai, member of the House of Peers and Yachihiro Suma, ex-counselor of the Japanese Embassy in Washington. Kono, who was arrested at the time of the China incident and held the post for the last time just before the Pearl Harbor attack. Recently he had been reported active in preparing a constitution for Japan and asserted that he was doing the work at the request of General MacArthur, although MacArthur denied this.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

Washington, Dec. 6. The Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, disclosed to-day that the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine will have 13 members—six British and six American. — Reuters.

Cairo, Dec. 6. Egypt's elder statesmen are authoritatively reported to have decided to ask the Egyptian Cabinet to start negotiations immediately for a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. — Reuters.

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Civil Affairs

The inadequate practical application of the new Proclamation of the Government has not been of great consequence. Admiral Harcourt reserves to himself the power to issue new orders, and presumably the power of veto, but with that proviso His Excellency now delegates all governmental authority to the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, and in so doing, pays a high tribute to the rehabilitation of the military court yesterday.

More than 200 American soldiers and Marines are estimated to have died at the Hoken camp from malnutrition and intestinal ailments. MEEK SUBMISSION. Miké, attired in civilian clothes, submitted meekly to representatives of the Theatre Judge Advocate Office at his home in the Hoken camp, where he had been living for the past year with his wife. He told meekly that he was mustered out of the Japanese army in 1944, and came to Shanghai, where he found employment. It was disclosed that the search for Miké began in Chungking last August, shortly after the American humanitarian air raids reached the 1,200 Americans incarcerated at Hoken, 100 miles south of the camp where General Jonathan M. Wainwright, defender of the Philippine Islands, was imprisoned. High-ranking American officers, who accompanied General Wainwright on his plane flight from Hoken to Chungking late in August, substantiated the stories told by officers and enlisted men of the Hoken camp. Reuter.

Our Ex-Internees

If there be any confusion about the point and purpose of the publicity given by the "China Mail" to the treatment accorded Hong Kong ex-internees on their arrival in England, it is as well that it should be cleared up. The tremendous burdens of the people of the British Isles, and the heavy sacrifices that have been demanded of them, and are still being demanded, are beyond question. To lose sight of these things would also be to lose all sense of perspective. But the facts remain, and that which stands out starkly clear is that it was the declared official policy to remove as many internees from Hong Kong as possible and that definite promises were held out to induce the doubtful ones to go. If we are to believe our correspondents, the picture presented to internees of what they might expect to happen to them on their arrival in England was false in important particulars. Somebody was responsible for authorising the official statements and the official promises. "Go away for a holiday and come back reinvigorated and refreshed." "If you don't take advantage of the offer now, it will not be available to you later." But for the pressure put upon them by one method or another, many that left would have elected to stay. If, therefore, there are grounds for believing that the result has been disillusionment of a sort to justify genuine grievance, then it is appropriate to enquire as to the responsibility. It may have been done at this end, this presentation of every prison camp victim with a pair of rosy spectacles. But we find it difficult to get over the fact that Mr. D. M. Man came here as the representative of the Colonial Office.

Four Months Search Ends In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, DEC. 6. A LONG LIST OF CHARGES HAS BEEN PREPARED AGAINST TOHORU MIKI, FORMER JAPANESE OFFICER WHO WAS ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI AFTER A FOUR-MONTH MAN-HUNT THAT CARRIED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO MANCHURIA, KOREA, JAPAN AND CENTRAL CHINA.

LOCKED UP BEHIND BARS IN SHANGHAI, MIKI IS ACCUSED BY VETERANS OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH OF COUNTLESS INHUMAN ACTS DURING THE TIME HE SERVED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE HOKEN PRISON CAMP IN MANCHURIA.

The alleged crimes of Miké include starving prisoners, ready, weakened by beri beri and dysentery, mass punishment of groups of soldiers for fancied misdeeds, beating prisoners with bamboo clubs as large as two by four boards, forcing others to stand barefooted in bitter cold weather to witness punishment of other prisoners, or to be punished themselves.

In addition, he is accused of confiscating mail, medical supplies, Red Cross food and clothing packages.

Miké is also alleged to have directed prison guards in forcing Americans to work in munitions plants without air raid protection from Allied bombers.

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THE TRUE GLORY

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral C. H. J. Harcourt, is to attend the 9.15 p.m. premiere of "The True Glory" at the Queen's Theatre this evening.

"The True Glory" tells the story through the camera's eye of the conquest of Germany from the West from D-Day until the surrender. Included in His Excellency's party will be Major-General F. W. Festing, the G.O.C., Air Commodore W. A. D. Brooks, A.O.C., and Brigadier D. M. Macdonough, C.C.A.O.

SOUVENIR CALENDAR

An interesting calendar for 1946 has just appeared in print published by the "New Hongkong Mirror," whose publisher is Mr. D. C. Baptista.

The new calendar presents a special feature in the way of several illustrations of the Japanese surrender in the several theatres of the Far East, a photograph of wrecked Hamburg seen from the air, breaking of the Union Jack in Berlin, Hongkong Victory Celebrations, etc., which is expected shortly in Hongkong bringing the C.I.C. of the British Pacific Fleet, Sir Bruce Fraser, appears on the last page of the calendar.

TRY AGAIN—ELSEWHERE

Appearing again before Lt. Nigel yesterday, Yuen Yuk, twice deported, but who persisted in returning to the Colony, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, at the end of which he will again be deported.

Accused said: "This is a new world; you must give me a chance to wipe out the past and start a new life in this Colony. This heavy sentence will prevent me forever from making good again."

The magistrate replied: "You have had six previous convictions and still expect me to believe you? The world is a big place but Hong Kong is a small place. You must start your new life elsewhere."

SERVICE CHIEFS IN CONFERENCE

Tokyo, Dec. 6. American Army and Navy leaders of the Far East are gathering here to confer on demobilisation, repatriation and occupation problems. The conference includes Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander in China; Admiral Raymond Spruance, Pacific Fleet chief, and Vice-Admiral Daniel Barbou, commander of the Seventh Fleet along the China and Korean coasts—Associated Press.

Chung Chow, a painter, was admitted to the Netherland Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from injuries sustained when he fell from the second floor of No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central, while doing a job.

Lee Chung, shop-keeper, charged with the unlawful possession of 528 tins of evaporated milk and 48 tins of salmon was fined \$25 by Lt. Nigel yesterday morning. The goods were ordered to be confiscated and restored to the Military Authorities.

Racket Stopped

The authorities have clamped down on the railway ticket racket, and racketeers who have been selling tickets to passengers at N.C.\$6,000 odd are lying low, following the arrest of two of their number.

The railway administration has now opened seven booths for the sale of tickets, opening at 4.30 a.m. Those who buy tickets must have them checked off by an identification mark, and passengers must not leave the platform once they have bought tickets. Every one is now able to buy a ticket, so long as the limit of 1,100 for Kowloon and about 150 for intermediate points are not exceeded.

At about 8 p.m. last night four men, two armed with revolvers and another with a pair of scissors, entered the Po Yu money-changers at No. 300, Shanghai Street, and stole N.C.\$170,000, H.K.\$700 and U.S.\$20.

READERS' LETTERS

THE SOCIAL EVIL

Sir, I have read with considerable interest, the letter by "Purity" which appeared in your issue of 3rd inst., and hereby express my thanks to you for being taken to eliminate the risks to which Servicemen are being exposed as a result of the lack of control over the prostitution evil. The social evil has always been a major problem in Hong Kong since the closing down of licensed houses nearly 20 years ago. With the rebirth of Hong Kong, as it were, consideration should be given to the question of eradicating from our midst street-walkers whose presence has not only brought Hong Kong into disrepute in the past, but has caused much misery and suffering to many a young man, whose home for a brilliant career in the Army or Navy has been blighted in consequence of a moment's folly.

I know that there are hypocrites who go about with a sanctimonious look on their faces, throw up their hands in horror at the mention of establishing licensed houses and who roundly condemn Servicemen for visiting prostitutes, little realising that Servicemen, like themselves, are human after all. The only difference between the Serviceman and the hypocrite is that while the Serviceman visits a prostitute openly, the hypocrite, under a cloak of false respectability, keeps a mistress or paramour who is visited in secret. As one who has worked for many years in the midst of Servicemen and who has come to admire them for their happy-go-lucky outlook, I have no hesitation in stating that the monopoly of Service life in Hong Kong, where the majority of civilians consider themselves too good to mix with Servicemen, is killing. Far from their own kith and kin and with only their own comrades to converse with day in and day out, the lot of the Serviceman in Hong Kong is most unenviable. It is in the quest for distraction and to escape the feeling of loneliness that the Serviceman falls an easy prey.

As I see it, there are two solutions to the problem: The first one is that the civilian population change its attitude one foster an atmosphere of sincere cordiality and friendship towards Servicemen and work out ways and means whereby to provide them with clean and healthy recreation, good books and the companionship of people whose presence will serve to inspire and uplift.

If the foregoing solution is not suitable to the civilian palate, then the only other solution appears to lie in the establishing of licensed houses where the inmates can be regularly examined by a Government Medical Officer as was the practice heretofore. KOOKABURRA.

INTERNEE'S THANKS

Sir,—As the last group of ex-Weihai internees to leave Hong Kong, may we be permitted to express our thanks to the organisations and individuals who have contributed so much to our happiness here.

R.A.P.W.I., N.A.A.F.I., British Red Cross at Hong Kong and Kowloon, and others have all cared for our welfare in a generous manner, providing comfortable quarters and many amenities, including pianos and teas. Nor do we forget the wonderful way in which the men of the services have helped and helped us all over the place.

Having had so many benefits, we pray that this "link of human kindness"—of which we have drunk so deeply in recent months—may yet become the world's favourite beverage! With all good wishes for the future of this colony. Gratefully, INTERNEE.

KWANGTUNG GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Although official confirmation is lacking, it is reliably reported that General Lo Chueh-ying, Provincial Governor of Kwangtung, is shortly paying an official visit to Hong Kong. The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and other organisations are understood to be making preliminary arrangements for a public reception.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S DELAY

LATEST ADVICES INDICATE THAT THE U.S. PRESIDENT GRANT WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ABOUT DECEMBER 16. THE DELAY IS DUE TO LATE ARRIVAL AT SHANGHAI FROM SAN FRANCISCO, AND TO THE FACT THAT CONDITIONS IN SHANGHAI ARE FAR FROM BEING NORMAL, RESULTING IN DELAY IN CROSS-HARGING AND LOADING.

There being little or no restrictions on imports into China, the vessel has a large cargo for discharge at Shanghai.

The cargo for Hongkong is limited by exchange restrictions which were in effect when the vessel left San Francisco on November 17th, which restrictions have since been largely eased.

The Agents have advised which indicate that the cargo from the U.S. for Hongkong, consists largely of foodstuffs. Among the listed imports are flour, rolled oats, macaroni, spaghetti, tinned goods, powdered milk, liquor, ginseng, fresh apples, onions, potatoes, and some general cargo.

The American President Lines, owners of the vessel, state that the s.s. "President Grant" is expected to leave Shanghai for Hongkong on December 11. The date of arrival at Hongkong is not certain, but will probably be December 16.

On arrival here, the vessel will dock at one of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Piers, as in the past. The Wharf Co. and the Military and Civil Affairs Administrations have co-operated to the fullest extent to see that this first commercial cargo to be distributed through commercial channels, is "given every facility."

DISCHARGE OF CARGO

For the convenience of consignees, the Agents advise that the discharge of cargo will be handled strictly by the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. and delivery will be made by the Wharf Company to the actual consignees at the Wharf Company's premises. Consignees will not, under any circumstances, be permitted on the Wharf Company's premises, or on the ship, but will take delivery of cargo directly from the Wharf Company. In addition to cargo from U.S. there will be approximately 1000 tons of cargo from Shanghai, consisting of the usual type of intercolonial cargo, namely, foodstuffs. The vessel will load approximately 2,000 tons of cargo for San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The s.s. "President Grant" will probably sail from Hongkong about December 20, but this date is subject to alteration.

Communists Offer No Real Resistance

CHINHSIEN, MANCHURIA, DEC. 6. CHIANG'S STRUGGLE TO REGAIN FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THE MANCHURIAN PROVINCES OCCUPIED BY JAPAN FOR 14 YEARS HAS BECOME LARGELY A BATTLE OF SUPPLY LINES. LEADERS OF THE NATIONALIST ARMIES ARE PLODGING SLOWLY TOWARD MUKDEN ALMOST TEMPTUOUS OF THE RESISTANCE BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

Despite repeated forecasts of large-scale civil war in Manchuria no major conflicts have materialised. It is doubtful if the two Nationalist spearheads now on the march have lost 100 men in battle since they crossed the Great Wall.

They have registered large gains at slight cost because the Communists were unable to make a stand in strength.

This is the Nationalist view of the situation now, as expressed by Professor Yu Hsi-chung, Secretary-General and Political Adviser to Lieut.-General Tu Yu-ming, Commander of the Nationalist forces in Manchuria.

"Manchuria is not a good breeding ground for the Communists. It is true that in some sections of China the Communists have enlisted support among small farmers who complain against high local taxes."

"We found that most of our resistance comes from Communist officers from North China sent in to raise their own

Peanut Oil Goes Off Market

PRICE CONTROL HAS SUDDENLY CAUSED THE ALMOST COMPLETE DISAPPEARANCE OF PEANUT OIL FROM THE OPEN MARKET.

THE OFFICIAL PRICE IS \$1.60 A CATTY, AND YESTERDAY HOUSEWIVES TRUDGED THE STREETS IN VAIN, CARRYING EMPTY OIL BOTTLES, LOOKING FOR ANY EXPOSED FOR SALE.

If they spoke to shopkeepers, the reply was invariably "sold out."

A "China Mail" representative was informed that the wholesale price during the morning had risen to \$220 a picul, but that only a few merchants with stocks had made any sale. With this wholesale figure, it was obviously impossible for anyone to retail at the official price.

Reviewing developments in the peanut oil market, a dealer asserted that when the local price dropped to below \$100 a picul, this was actually below replacement cost. The continuous drop in price was due almost entirely to the fall in value of Chinese national currency. But when prices here touched bottom, not only did shippers stop making further shipments to Hong Kong but supplies were actually taken out of the Colony; and when Chinese national currency recovered somewhat in value, it was the signal for the market to begin an upward trend. Shippers in Swatow and other centres then found it worth while to send supplies again to Hong Kong.

SUPPLY SOURCES

But Government fixed the official retail price at \$1.60 a catty and dealers insist that it actually costs \$1.80 to replace.

It is also claimed that there is little likelihood of any appreciable drop in prices at supply centres, so that unless there occurs another phenomenal drop in the Chinese national dollar, Hong Kong may be for some time without fresh supplies.

It is argued that when the official price was fixed, adequate consideration was not given to the trend of prices at sources of supply.

Watchman Accused

AN ALLEGATION THAT HE WAS THREATENED BY A DISTRICT WATCHMAN TO ADMIT HIS GUILT WAS MADE BY POON NGAN-CHUEN BEFORE MR. C. Y. KWAN AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY.

Poon appeared on a charge of unlawful possession of two coils of electric wire and a lamp shade.

Defendant was arrested in Des Voeux Road Central. Inquiries found that he had stolen the articles from St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong but supplies were actually taken out of the Colony; and when Chinese national currency recovered somewhat in value, it was the signal for the market to begin an upward trend. Shippers in Swatow and other centres then found it worth while to send supplies again to Hong Kong.

After the magistrate had imposed sentence and had proceeded with the next case there was a commotion below the prisoner's dock. Poon suddenly rushing out, claiming that he had been assaulted by the same watchman who had arrested him.

Mr. Kwan immediately adjourned the court to make personal inquiries, as the result of which Poon was sent to hospital for medical examination.

Two weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Li Kei by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for loitering in Main Street, Shaokwan, on Wednesday. Accused was seen loitering at about 10.30 p.m. and was arrested by a police constable who was on patrol duty.

Sub-Inspector Brooks prosecuted.

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TORY ATTACK ON LABOUR POLICY

All Words And No Houses, Says Mr. Lyttelton

Sharp Reply By Stafford Cripps

LONDON, DEC. 6. IN THE CROWDED HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY MADE ITS FIRST FULL-SCALE ATTACK ON THE LABOUR PARTY'S DOMESTIC POLICY WHEN MR. OLIVER LYTTLETON, FORMER MINISTER OF PRODUCTION, MOVED A MOTION OF CENSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT. THE MOTION CHARGED IT WITH SUBORDINATING THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF DEMOBILISATION, HOUSING AND FINANCE TO LONG-TERM PLANS OF NATIONALISATION.

The debate will last two days, the climax coming today when Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, will speak.

Mr. Lyttelton said that he viewed with great anxiety the tendency for men in many industries to break away from the guidance of their trade unions. "I fear that under the system of nationalisation, the long established and well tried machinery of negotiations between employers and trade unions will be undermined and replaced by the dangerous expedient of men bringing direct pressure to bear on the Government," he said.

"In nationalisation and public ownership, I see a threat to the trade union movement" (Ministerial laughter), he added.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROLS

Criticising the controls over industry, Mr. Lyttelton said that at every turn the impulse to press forward was checked by a mass of regulations. The ineptitude, inefficiency and slowness of the Government's present policy was making itself felt everywhere. It was agreed that the shortage of labour was the principal impediment yet the rate of demobilisation of the armed forces was less than half of the comparable rate in the United States.

The Government's contribution to housing had so far been "all words" and no houses. Mr. Clement Davis, leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, said that Mr. Lyttelton's speech turned out to be an indictment not of the Government but of Mr. Lyttelton and the previous Governments for their failure to prepare for an outbreak of peace.

The motion, he said, was wrong in its assumption, bad in its timing and wrong in its conclusion. He was neither exhilarated nor frightened by the word "nationalisation." It was a matter of applying the best method of solving a particular problem.

MR. CHURCHILL CRITICISED

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, replying for the Government, said that the censure was in fact not upon the Government but upon the electorate which had elected the Government.

He described Mr. Winston Churchill's recent speech to the Conservative Party as "irresponsible mischief-making."

"I have seldom if ever read the outpourings of a disappointed politician which so misrepresented the facts of the situation," he said.

Sir Stafford Cripps said that nationalisation was not the end in itself but the means for more economic use of national services. The Government, he said, did not intend to direct labour as a permanent measure. Of course in the transition period, it might be necessary to continue certain controls for a certain time but ultimately the country must rely on the power of industry to attract labour. Other controls dealing with raw materials, prices etc. could be used to limit undesirable manufacture while there was, as he hoped there always would be, a shortage of labour in this country.

PLANNED EFFORT

The Government did not seek a rigid plan but one which would give effect without the extreme of compulsion. It was certain that British industry would not give the needed results unless developed along some planned line. Sir Stafford said that British exports had increased significantly in volume within the two months of the end of the war and the end of Lend-Lease.

She was now exporting 60 per cent of her 1938 volume of goods. Regarding economic controls, Sir Stafford said that the only people who would benefit by the complete lack of controls to-day were the profiteers and racketeers. The idea that more controls were being imposed was a complete fallacy. Rationing would be retained as long as there was a necessity to ensure a fair division of goods in short supply. He said that the Labour Government would stimulate and

Hose Pipes Stop Protests

LONDON, DEC. 6. *Hose pipes were turned on enemy agents at Brighton Pavilion when some of the prisoners protesting against delay at being sent home, banged doors, barricaded themselves in their cells and went on a hunger strike for two days.*

A Home Office official said that the men demonstrated against the delay in getting ships to take them to Germany, but that all was now quiet.

Three-Day Holiday For Christmas

LONDON, DEC. 6. A THREE-DAY HOLIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS, PROBABLY THE LONGEST EVER RECOMMENDED FOR INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN DECREED BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday, and it is recommended that the holiday should be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This would give a four-and-a-half-day break to those who have the preceding week-end.

The alternative recommendation is for New Year's Eve and January 1 and 2 presumably to give Scottish workers an equally long week-end.

Payment for these holidays will depend on arrangements made by employers and trade unions.

This is the last holiday recommendation which the Government will make under the wartime scheme.

Jap. Losses In Wewak Area

LONDON, DEC. 6. REPORTS BY THE JAPANESE COMMAND REVEAL THAT 91 PER CENT OF THE JAPANESE EIGHTEENTH ARMY WHICH LIEUTENANT-GENERAL ADACHI LED INTO THE WEWAK AREA OF NEW GUINEA PERISHED OF WOUNDS OR DISEASE.

The Japanese force was originally 92,000 but was reinforced to upwards of 104,000.

The remaining 11,000 men on Muschu Island are to be returned to Japan but many will never see their country again unless they are moved quickly, as the death-rate is still 40 a week.—Reuter.

Record Price For A Foal

Newmarket, Dec. 6. Miss Prior bought a colt foal by Hyperion out of Blanco at Newmarket Sales to-day for 7,200 guineas, which is a record price for a foal. Aly Khan was an underbidder for the foal.

Previous record was 5,000 guineas, given by the Aga Khan at the 1928 December Sales for Khorsed, who proved a disappointment on the race-course.

The successful bidder, Miss Prior, is a Middlesex bloodstock expert and compiler of several books on this subject.

Grand Master, a three-year-old colt by Stout Malice out of Honorarium, was sold for 12,000 guineas to J. J. Smith.—Reuter.

DEFENCE ENDS

Manila, Dec. 5. The chief defence counsel at the trial of Lieut.-General Yamashita here, Colonel Harry Clarke, ended his defence argument to-day with the concluding request for a verdict of not guilty.

Clarke requested that the Military Commission, after weighing evidence "on the scales of American justice" will acquit the "corrupt and standards of American justice which is the hallmark of democracy by returning a finding of not guilty on the charges against defendant of condoning the rape of Manila and other Japanese atrocities."—Associated Press.

OXFORD'S WIN

LONDON, DEC. 6. Oxford University defeated Guy's Hospital by 17 points to 9 in a Rugby Union match yesterday.—Reuter.

Early Macao Days Described

AN INTERESTING TALK ON MACAO EARLY DAYS WAS GIVEN BY LIEUT. J. M. ALVES, H.K.V.D.C. AT THE CATHOLIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Lieut. Alves said in part—

At the beginning of the 16th century, Portuguese navigators turned their attention to the rich kingdom of Cathay and so far as is known the first to visit China arrived in the Delta of the Pearl River in 1514, when one Jorge Alvaraz erected a stone commemorative pillar on Lin Tin Island north-east of Macao. Two years later the Portuguese visited Canton but owing to a misunderstanding arising from mutual mistrust the City of Rams did not prove to be a good business venture.

Undaunted they came every summer and set up fairs in different islands in the Delta. These fairs were accorded in material form of a temporary nature and lasted from two weeks to two months depending on the warmth of the reception accorded them. Incidentally in 1564 the fair was held on St. John's Island where St. Francis Xavier had died two years earlier.

In the year 1557, the Portuguese helped to clear up a private struggle on the Peninsula in the Delta of the Pearl River. In recognition the Ming Emperor gave permission for the Portuguese to settle there and to hold their annual fairs there. This was Macao and the name is a translation of the original Chinese name A-Ma-Ao.

BEYOND WILDEST DREAMS

The early settlers grew prosperous beyond their wildest dreams and governed themselves as best they could without help or hindrance either from the Viceroy at Goa or India or the King in Portugal. By 1585, Macao had arrived at such a state of prosperity that she was raised to the status of a city, ranking as the third city of the Kingdom and given the name "City of the Holy Name of God" in China.

At the same time an attempt was made to initiate an organized form of Government so that the Mother Country could more effectively tap the wealth of the new possession. The result was a curious form of Municipal government of a Senate of five members consisting three Aldermen, elected by the people and two legal advisers appointed by the Crown. There was no Governor but the Captaincy of the City devolved on the Captain of the annual Japanese voyage so long as the ship was in port.

The life blood of Macao's existence was trade. Conditions were abnormal, giving rise to excessive profits. Macao was the trading post of the Far East. She had several markets, first and foremost, Japan, Manila, Timor, and Macassar and also Indo-China and Siam.

TRADE MONOPOLY

The Japanese market was far the most profitable. A state of intermittent hostilities existed between China and Japan and Japanese pirates were continually plunging the coast ports of China. In retaliation the Ming Emperors prohibited all intercourse between these two countries. This gave the Portuguese traders a golden opportunity, which they quickly seized and very soon in spite of a certain amount of opposition from the Dutch they succeeded in obtaining complete monopoly of the trade between China and Japan.

The profits derived from this trade were enormous and was the highlight of Macao's prosperity for half a century.

The behaviour of some Portuguese during their stay in Japan resulted in the final expulsion of the Portuguese from Japan in 1639 and the termination of this lucrative trade. This was a blow from which Macao never recovered.

Continuing, the speaker dwelt on the important part Macao had played as the training ground for Catholic Missions in China and spoke of the work done there by the Jesuits and members of the other Orders which made Macao their headquarters.

The speaker also gave a short account of the brilliant victory of the Portuguese citizens over the Dutch which attempted to invade Macao on June 25, 1622.

This battle he said had a certain academic interest in that it was the only battle ever fought between Europeans and Chinese, except perhaps the siege of Tientsin in 1914 when a contingent of British served alongside the Japanese in taking the German fortress.

THE DEATHBLOW

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SUBJECT ON WHICH CAM-
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PARTIES WERE PLEASED
THAT THEIR NEW LABOUR
MEMBER CHOSE IT FOR HIS
MAIDEN SPEECH IN THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Major Leslie Symonds hurried
home from the Middle East to
fight the Election, and he quoted
from his own experience out there
in support of his argument that
there should be greater speed in
the coming out of Service per-
sonnel.

"When I was in the Army," he
said, "I had three clerks to deal
with my correspondence. Now as
a full-time clerk myself and a
part-time legislator, I have no
clerk at all, but my correspon-
dence is far greater in volume
than it was then. My successor
in my Army job, whoever he is
and wherever he is, still has those
three clerks. I am quite sure, be-
cause there are three on the War
Establishment."

THE NEEDLES EYE
The member, who is bald, added
that by Service methods it was al-
most impossible to change the War
Establishment. "It is easier," he
remarked, "to make a camel pass
through the eye of a needle or for
myself to find a hair restorer that
will work."

Very many still serving will
echo his desire that the Govern-
ment should take the country into
its confidence and that Ministers
should give weekly wireless talks
to explain the problems of demo-
bilisation.

DIGGING UP PLUTO

"Pluto" the pipeline system by
which millions of gallons of petrol
were pumped across the Channel
for the Allied Forces, is being dug
up in Kent.

Service men are removing stor-
age tanks from their hiding places
in bunkers and other buildings.
How the tanks were installed is
still a mystery. Some local in-
habitants think they were installed
at night time.

It has been necessary, in some
cases, to demolish buildings in or-
der to extricate them.

DAUGHTER FLEW TO TRAITOR'S TRIAL

Paris, Dec. 6.
Robert de Beaulieu, 63 years-
old journalist, was sentenced to
death for broadcasting for the
Germans during the occupation.
His pretty daughter, Madame
Horizon, who is an ardent sup-
porter of General de Gaulle, flew
from Britain to give evidence at
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THE GOLD & SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY

BACK TO BRIGANDAGE Italy's Dick Turpin Gang In Naples Area Friendly Relations With Victims

ROME, DEC. 6.
IN THE MATTER OF BRIGANDAGE ITALY HAS TEM-
PORARILY GONE BACK TO THE FIRST HALF OF
THE LAST CENTURY. WHEN COACHES TRAVEL-
LING TO ROME FROM NAPLES OR CIVITAVEC-
CHIA WERE LIABLE TO BE STOPPED AND PASSE-
NGERS STRIPPED OR HELD TO RANSOM.
THE POLICE, NOW BETTER ORGANISED AND EQUIP-
PED THAN THEY WERE SOME MONTHS AGO, ARE
GRADUALLY MAKING HEADWAY AGAINST ARMED
GANGS WHICH INFEST LONELY ROADS. BUT IN
SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY BANDITRY HAS
BECOME A WELL-ESTABLISHED AND HIGHLY PRO-
FITABLE PROFESSION.

A few months ago a certain
Giuseppe Lamarea made news
by carrying off a wealthy miller
in the Naples area and holding
him to ransom for 10,000,000.
equivalent to £25,000. The miller
was eventually released on the
payment of 5,000,000, on account.
The balance is still outstanding.

An inquiry recently conducted
into Lamarea's activities by the
Roman newspaper *Tempo* provides
interesting information.

POLITELY TREATED

His beat lies among prosperous
villages on the slopes of Vesuvius,
and his game are the wealthy
farmers and small industrialists
of those parts.

He maintains a band of 200
well-armed men, thoroughly dis-
ciplined and organised in separate
gangs, each under its own leader,
and he is served by a large num-
ber of subsidised informers, who
let him know about suitable
clients. These, when kidnapped,
are well looked after and politely
treated.

Lamarea is evidently well in the
tradition of Dick Turpin. Gentle-
man Joe and other heroes of fact
or fiction.
His victims are brought before
a tribunal consisting of Lamarea
and his gang leaders and are in-
formed of the ransom at which
they have been assessed. If they
protest they are confronted with
facts about their private expendi-
ture and are asked to justify their
refusal to pay.

If they are able to convince
Lamarea that they are really hard
up they are allowed to depart in
peace.

TOPE TO RETIRE

Tempo gives a list of three other
persons, besides the above-men-
tioned miller, from whom he has
extracted sums of more than
1,000,000, with a number of
smaller fry.

Lamarea has not so far got a
single charge of bloodshed against
him except homicides—arising from
a quarrel—for which he was sent
to gaol two years ago. His pre-
sent career began from the time
he broke prison.

He apparently succeeds in main-
taining the friendliest relations
with his victims. One, from
whom he had extracted 2,000,000,

invited the whole band to his home
on payment of the ransom, and
brunched his best wine to cele-
brate the occasion and his leisure.

SUEZ CANAL RECEIPTS

Paris, Dec. 6.
Suez Canal receipts in Novem-
ber totalled 2,041,000 compared
with £791,000 in 1938. It was
announced here to-day. Number
of ships using the Canal in
November was 391, compared with
194.—Reuter.

Atlantic Wall Coup Reconstructed

LONDON, DEC. 6.
IN THE KINGSTON BATHS, SURREY, WHERE THE
ORIGINAL EXPERIMENTS WERE MADE, A FEW
MEMBERS FROM THE ADMIRALTY EXPERIMENTAL
DIVING UNIT, THE LANDING CRAFT OBSTRUCTION
CLEARANCE UNIT AND MIDGET SUBMARINE CREWS
SHOWED YESTERDAY HOW A SUPPLEMENTARY TRAI-
NED FORCE COULD PASSAGE THROUGH THE DENSE
UNDER-WATER OBSTACLES FORMING PART OF
THE "ATLANTIC WALL" TO ENABLE THE ALLIED
ARMIES TO BEGIN THEIR LANDING IN NOR-
MANDY ON D DAY LAST YEAR.

For this feat, described as one
of the most hazardous of the war,
10 units (four Royal Navy and six
Royal Marines) comprising 120
officers and men, arrived off the
Normandy coast several hours be-
fore dawn.

They transferred to a small as-
sault craft seven miles from the
shore.

Then, wearing their rubber
suits, helmets fitted with glass
sights, canisters of oxygen to enable
them to keep submerged for 90
minutes, and large fins attached to
their feet, they paddled their rub-
ber dinghies to the point where
they dived for their under-water
reconnaissance.

They found steel barricades
with a frontal area of 10 ft. by
10 ft., metal pyramids 5 ft. high,
steel "hedgehogs" shaped like six-
pointed stars, stump piles, wooden
ramps with mines attached, for
trapping tanks, posts 8 ft. to 12 ft.
high with mines on top, and a
"nutcracker" system of mines at-
tached to an upright.

Most of them were fitted with
mines or 75 mm. shells converted
into mines.

GOOD WORK

By nightfall the party, most of
the time under enemy mortar fire,
had cleared 2,400 obstacles over a
strip of beach 1,000 yards long
and 400 yards deep.

For the Kingston demonstration
wooden posts were erected at the
deeper end of the bath to repre-
sent some of the barriers.

From the other, end a small
party of the "Frogmen" paddled
out in a rubber dinghy, and, after

INDIAN TROOPS IN MARCH PAST

Baghdad, Dec. 6.
An Indian contingent took part
in a march past here to-day after
tokens of friendship had been ex-
changed between the British and
Iraqi armies.

Ten-year-old King Faisal took
the salute as Indian and Iraq
troops, an R.A.F. contingent and
Arab Legion detachments filed by.
A banner inscribed in English
and Arabic "to the sea, air and
land forces of the British Empire
in Iraq, in memory of their
friendship and cooperation," was
presented to the British troops by
the Iraqi army.—Reuter.

U.S. LOAN TO FRANCE

Washington, Dec. 6.
M. Henri Bonnet, French Am-
bassador, expressed the deep ap-
preciation of the French people
for the United States loan, which
he said would primarily be used
for buying raw materials in the
U.S., which France urgently needs.
The French purchasing mission
is reported to have bought 41,000
bales of U.S. cotton against a
recent enquiry for 160,000 bales.
The mission is continuing to
accept bids until full requirements
are satisfied.—Reuter.

Laundry Ladies Lost

LONDON, DEC. 6.
TWO THOUSAND WOMEN
LAUNDRY WORKERS HAVE
GOT LOST.

They are the girls who volun-
teered to leave the Services under
the Class "B" demobilisation
scheme to return to their peace-
time job of doing Britain's wash-
ing.

It was on September 29 that it
was announced they would be re-
leased immediately.
But to-day Mr. D. K. Rolitt,
secretary of the Institution of
British Launderers, said: "I do
not know of a laundry that has
had one of them. Something will
have to be done to get them
depotted more quickly."

But although the women have
not arrived from the Services,
extra workers have reached some
laundries. These are the women
whose munitions jobs have come
to an end.
The result is that the laundry
does not take so long in most
districts, although North London
is the exception.

HITLER PICTURE SALE BANNED

LONDON, DEC. 6.
THIRTY-FOUR PICTURES
OF HITLER, SOME IN SIL-
VER FRAMES, WILL NOT BE
SOLD WITH THE CONVENTS
OF THE FORMER GERMAN
EMBASSY IN LONDON.

The Ministry of Works decided
this to-day in view of the un-
favourable public attitude to the
sale for £500 of a Hitler bust
last week.

Buyer of the bust was said to
be a sympathiser with the Hitler
worship organisation called the
League of Christian Reform,
whose activities, it was said in
the House of Commons yesterday,
are to be watched.

Bidders to-day cheered the ban
on sale of the pictures and bood
an offer of an empty Hitler
frame.—Reuter.

CONSTITUTION OF SARAWAK

London, Dec. 6.
Replying to a question in the
House of Commons yesterday
about the Rajah of Sarawak,
Mr. George Hall, Secretary for
Colonies, said Government re-
commended the Rajah as the representative
of Sarawak and was hoping to
arrive at an agreement with him
regarding the constitutional posi-
tion of Sarawak.—Reuter.

NEW TELE-RATES

Bermuda, Dec. 6.
The Anglo-United States tele-
communications conference ended
yesterday with virtual 100 per
cent agreement on a new rate
structure for telegram between
the British Commonwealth and
the United States.—Reuter.

Gramophone Firm's Secret Weapons

LONDON, DEC. 6.
BEFORE THE WAR THE £8,000,000 ELECTRICAL AND
MUSICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. WERE ONE OF THE
BIGGEST MANUFACTURERS IN THE RADIO AND
GRAMOPHONE WORLD. THEY MADE H.M.V. AND
COLUMBIA RADIOS AND RECORDS.
WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT, THE THOUSANDS OF
WORKERS WERE SWITCHED OVER TO WAR-TIME
PRODUCTION AT THE GIANT FACTORY BESIDE
THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, AT HAYES, MID-
DLESEX, AND IN SUBSIDIARY FACTORIES AND RE-
SEARCH STATIONS.

Throughout the war, scientists
with the firm were engaged on
making some of Britain's "secret
weapons," and some of these were
described by the chairman, Mr.
Alfred Clark, in his annual state-
ment, yesterday.

Here are some of the devices
which Mr. Clark disclosed, were
made by the firm:

Al—An air interception device
which gave pilots an indication of
the whereabouts of enemy aircraft
and played a vital part in defeat-
ing enemy night bombers over Brit-
ain.

FP1—Used in ships at sea to
give warning in chart form of
other ships, ground masses or ob-
structions. FP1 helped to sink
"Scharnhorst."

Anti Submarine Radar.—Used
to win the Battle of the Atlantic.
H2S.—Which showed Bomber
Command pilots maps of the
ground below for blind bombing.

It was also used against sub-
marines and for close air support
to ground troops.

Infra Red Apparatus.—Enabled
tanks to be driven in darkness,
and midge submarines to sink
"U-boats."

Monica.—Installed in bomber
aircraft, gave audible warning of
the approach of enemy fighters.

Low Level Altimeter.—Used for
night or fog landings and against
the Italian Fleet. It also played a
vital part in the bombing of Ger-
many's big dams.

Proximity Fuse.—The latest
war secret released.

Three members of the research
department of the firm were killed
at Malvern, Worcestershire, in
1942, during the experiments
which produced H2S, revealed Mr.
Clark, who also stated that the
factory was hit by a flying bomb
last year, when thirty-seven
workers were killed.

NOTICE

Subject:—Claims for goods and
services supplied to the Army in
1941 and 1942 before the return of
the British.

1. A notice was published in
the press on the 24th September,
1945 instructing all persons who
have monetary claims on the
7. D. to submit these to No. 10
Staff Paymaster, Victoria Bar-
ricks by the 30th November,
1945. All these claims should
now have been submitted and
those individuals with claims yet
to be submitted should forward
these at the earliest possible date.

The public is reminded that it
is particularly important to make
claims in Hong Kong dollars, to
claim a specific amount, and to
forward copies of all documents
that support the claim. It is
useless to make a claim without
substantiating a specific sum. This
sum will have to be estimated in
some cases, when the method of
calculation should be clearly
shown.

2. The work of checking and
registering these claims started
on the 1st December. All
claimants will be in due course
to receive letters requesting
further information or evidence
or notification that the claim has
been checked.

3. The question of payment
is temporarily in abeyance and
awaits a Government decision.
As soon as this matter is decided
the public will be informed
through the medium of the press.

J. H. GIBSON, Lt. Col.

A. A. & Q. M. G.

H. Q. Land Forces,

Hong Kong.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
STRATION, HONG KONG

PROCLAMATION NO. 16

MILITARY ADMINISTRA-
TION (DELEGATION).

WHEREAS by Proclamation
No. 1 I assumed for myself and
my successors full judicial
legislative executive and admin-
istrative powers and responsi-
bilities and exclusive jurisdiction
over all persons and property
throughout the Colony of Hong
Kong

AND WHEREAS by Pro-
clamations 2, 3 and 4 I made
further provision for the admin-
istration of the Colony and for
the delegation of certain of my
powers

AND WHEREAS I consider
that the delegation hereinafter
contained will assist the carrying
into effect of the intention of His
Britannic Majesty's Government
to restore Civil Government at
the earliest possible date com-
patible with the necessity of
providing adequate and suitable
personnel for the functioning of
Civil Government and with the
maintenance of law and order in
the Colony

NOW THEREFORE, I,
CECIL HALLIDAY JEPSON
HARCOURT, C.B., C.B.E.,
Rear Admiral in His Britannic
Majesty's Fleet and Commander-
in-Chief of His Britannic
Majesty's Forces in Hong Kong,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM as
follows:—

ARTICLE 1

DELEGATION TO CHIEF CIVIL
AFFAIRS OFFICER

Subject always to any orders
and directions which I or the
Senior Officer from time to time
in command of His Britannic
Majesty's Forces in Hong Kong
may issue I hereby delegate to
the Chief Civil Affairs Officer all
the powers responsibilities and
jurisdiction assumed by me under
Proclamation No. 1 aforesaid and
I authorise him to delegate the
same or any part thereof to any
person he may think fit and to
authorise further delegation.

ARTICLE 2

REPEAL

Proclamation 3 and Proclamation
4 except Articles 7 and 9
thereof are hereby repealed but
without prejudice to anything
lawfully enacted or done there-
under.

GIVEN under my hand at
HONG KONG this 4th day of
December, 1945.

CECIL HARCOURT,
Commander-in-Chief,
Hong Kong Forces.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of all Members will be held on Friday, 14th Dec. 1945 at 6.15 p.m. in the Hall of St. Paul College, Gloucester.

1. To receive the Report of the 1944 Committee.
2. To consider the Election of new Officers.

By Order of the Committee.
JOHN PAUL

Acty. Hon. Secretary

6th December, 1945.

NOTICE

We have re-opened our office on the 2nd Floor, Alexandra Building.

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MASONIC HALL

11, Queen's Road, C., 2nd floor
(Entrance - Ice House St.)
All local and visiting brethren
on the register are invited to a
masonic meeting on Monday,
10th December, at 5 for 5.30 p.m.

THE HONGKONG PRINTING
PRESS, LIMITED

An extraordinary general meeting
of the above Company will be held
at the Company's registered office,
Room No. 211, Prince's Building, 2nd
floor, Ice House Street, Hong Kong
at 12 O'clock a.m. on Friday the 28th
day of December 1945 for the purpose
of considering and possibly passing
a special resolution for the sale of the
assets of the Company and for its
winding up.

A formal notice has been posted
to all shareholders at their registered
addresses. Any shareholder who
wishes for further particulars should
call at the Company's registered
office.

Dated the 3rd day of December 1945.
By order of the Board of Directors.
E. M. D'ALCANTARA XAVIER
Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Will the Graduate or Under-
graduate of St. John's University,
Shanghai who is at present in
Hongkong, send in his name and
address to the following:-

United Shipping Co.
29, Connaught Road C.
Telephone No. 28940.

EXHIBITION FOOTBALL
MATCH

ROYAL NAVY versus ARMY
SUNDAY

9th December, 1945
at Sookumpoo Ground
Kick off 3.30 P.M.
Admission \$1 (including tax)

EXHIBITION
FOOTBALL MATCH

In aid of Kwong Wah Athletic
Association financial campaign to
wards of helping the team and new
Club House at 471, Nathan Road
ROYAL NAVY FORCE

H.M.S. "MONTCLARE"
8th December 1945, at 4.15 p.m.
Club de Regatta, Garden,
Kings Park
Admission - \$1.00
(Service on Half Price)

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that we have
commenced our practice under the
firm name of Ford, Kwan & Co
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G. L. KWAN

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, HONG KONG

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs

NOTICE

The Commander in Chief has
been pleased to appoint Mr.
HAU SUN NIN, C.B.E., to
act as representative in Kowloon
of the Secretary for Chinese
Affairs, Civil Affairs Administra-
tion.

Mr. CHAU'S office is in the
Peninsula Hotel, Room No. 197;
his office hours will be 10.00 a.m.
to 1.00 p.m.

B. C. K. HAWKINS,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, HONG KONG

FINANCE BRANCH

PRE-OCCUPATION CLAIMS
AGAINST COLONIAL
GOVERNMENT

The Holders of cheques issued
by the Colonial Government
during December 1941 but which
were not cashed before the
Japanese occupation may now
forward them to the S.O. 11
Finance, Prince's Building, 1st
Floor, Vaux Road, for examination.
Provided that they are found to
be in order fresh cheques will be
issued to replace them.

C. G. S. FOLLOWS,
Chief Financial Adviser,
(Civil Affairs).

Hong Kong,
6th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, HONG KONG.

MEDICAL BRANCH

NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the
collection and removal of animal
blood and hair from

1. Kennedy Town Slaughter-
house
2. Ma Tau Kok Slaughter House
3. Sai Wan Ho Slaughter House
4. Aberdeen Slaughter House

Sealed tenders for each
slaughter house should be sub-
mitted in triplicate to the
Chairman, Tender Board, Public
Works Branch, Civil Affairs
Headquarters, by 12 noon of 22nd
day of December, 1945.

Tender forms and particulars
may be obtained from the Secre-
tary, Medical Branch, Hong Kong
& Shanghai Bank Building, 1st
floor.

J. P. FEHLY,
Col.
D. D. M. S. (C.A.)

Hong Kong,
4th December, 1945.

General Marshall To
Leave For China Soon

WASHINGTON, DEC. 6.
GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL WILL NOT LEAVE FOR
CHINA TO CARRY OUT HIS SPECIAL MISSION FOR
PRESIDENT TRUMAN UNTIL HE HAS GIVEN EVID-
ENCE BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE IN-
VESTIGATING PEARL HARBOR. SAID THE UNITED
STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. JAMES
BYRNES, TO A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.
GENERAL MARSHALL HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO TEST-
IFY TO-MORROW AND WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA
AS SOON AS HIS EVIDENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

Major General Patrick J. Hurley, who recently testified
as United States Ambassador to China, told the Foreign Re-
lations Committee of the Senate in Washington today that
he had ignored the instructions from the State Department in
order to bring about the Russo-Chinese treaty.

The General also disclosed that he intended to leave for
China, and that when the Chinese Communists and accused
two United States Foreign Service officials, formerly in Chungking,
of trying to undermine his position.

The two officials, John S. Service, and George Atcheson, have
since been appointed Political Advisers to General Douglas Mac-
Arthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

General Hurley alleged that in October, 1944, Mr. Service, a
career diplomat, who was assigned work with General Joseph Stilwell
in China, sent the State Depart-
ment a general statement on how to let Marshall Chiang Kai-shek fall.

ATCHESON'S POSITION
He complained that Mr. Atcheson had consistently sought to
undermine his position by advocat-
ing a lead lease to the Chinese Com-
munists, and that when Mr. Atcheson and Mr. Service were
recalled to Washington in response to his protest last Spring, Mr.
Atcheson was placed in a position where which made him General
Hurley's supervisor.

Later, he said that after his
conversations with British Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign
Secretary Eden and with Soviet officials in Moscow, he sought to
mediate between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Government
and Moscow. He was cautioned by the State Department "not to
mediate or advise but to make suggestions." This instruction was
contained in a telegram signed by Mr. Edward Stettinius, then United
States Secretary of State.

General Hurley said that he
ignored it because he considered it the reversal of what he under-
stood to be his instructions on the unification of China and therefore
in error.

He said that in his opinion,
Russia was in full agreement with American policy towards China
and he expressed the belief that Russia was adhering to the terms
of the Russo-Chinese treaty of last August.

He denied that he had usurped
the functions of the Government in Washington by evolving a per-
sonal policy in China. He said that in recent conversations with
the Chinese Communist leaders in Yenan, he had tried to persuade
them with some hope of success that the United States desired a
united China.

REPATRIATION NOTICE
No. 45.
H. M. S. "GLENEARN"

The undersigned persons are
warned to stand by in readi-
ness to leave for SHANGHAI,
SINGAPORE AND IDNIA
by H. M. S. "GLENEARN" which
may leave Hong Kong on or about
10th December (Monday).

Instructions as to place and
time for embarkation will be
published when they are known.

SINGAPORE
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Mr. Fong Wah Han
Rev. G. A. Lopez
Mr. Chai Kim Fatt
Mr. & Mrs. Gee Yok Soo

H.K.V.D.C.
Pte. For Ah Lam
Miss Young Mimi
Pte. Cheah Phae Chuan

INDIA
Mrs. L. Winfield
Anne A. Thom (Nurse)
Mr. D. S. Engineer
Mr. M. N. Master
Mr. E. Mohamed
Mr. Y. A. Cneapjack
Mr. L. Mahomed
Mr. J. L. Noronha
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Shroff & family
Mrs. R. Patel & children
Mr. B. N. Mahomed
Mrs. K. N. Karanj & child
Mr. M. F. Din

REPATRIATION OFFICE,
Hong Kong,
6th December, 1945.

U.S. WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
The U.S. "President Grant" will arrive at Hong Kong on or about
December 15th and will sail direct for San Francisco
on or about December 20th.

THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO.
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"Snob" Appeal
Of White Bread

LONDON, DEC. 6.
BREAD, WHICH PLAYS A
VERY LARGE PART IN THE
DIET OF ALL SOCIAL
CLASSES IN GREAT BRITAIN,
IS AND HAS BEEN FOR
NEARLY FOUR YEARS THE
SUBJECT OF A CONTROL
WHICH HAS THE DUAL
ADVANTAGE OF ECONOMIC-
ALLY SHIPING ON THE ONE
HAND AND AIDING NUTRI-
TION ON THE OTHER HAND.

Before the war the over-
whelming preference of the British
public was for white bread; a
preference which had its origin in the
"snob" appeal of white bread during
the 19th Century when "refined"
flour, being dearer than wholemeal,
was associated with social
affluence.

Production of this flour means
milling at a low extraction rate,
so that only about 70 per cent. of
the wheat berry goes into the
flour, and the parts which darken
its colour are excluded.

It happens that these parts con-
tain valuable nutrients of the
wheat berry in particular vitamin
B, nicotinic acid and iron.

During the war, in order to
reduce wheat imports and get the
best possible nutritional value
from the limited supplies avail-
able, it became imperative to use
a larger percentage of the whole
wheat berry in the manufacture of
bread.

OUTSTANDING DISCOVERY
In 1941, the National Wheat-
meal Loan, not unlike the admir-
able wholemeal bread on which our
great-grandfathers grew up, be-
came available to the public as
the alternative to the white loaf.

A year later a minimum extrac-
tion of 85 per cent. in all milling
was made compulsory and white
bread disappeared. This meant an
extra 100 tons of flour was got from
100 tons of wheat, 600,000
tons of shiping were released
yearly for other purposes, and the
public got first-rate food value
from one of the biggest items in
its diet.

Research carried out by the
Cereal Research Station of the
Ministry of Food in this connec-
tion will have far-reaching effects
on practical milling procedure in
future. One outstanding discovery
already obtained is that vitamin
B, formerly thought to be associat-
ed with the germ of the wheat as
a whole, is now known to be highly
concentrated in part of the germ,
and that this particular fraction
of the wheat can be segregated
during milling so as to make sure
most of it passes into flour. -Lon-
don Press Service.

Inter-Unit
Soccer

Though the Air Formation
Signals were beaten by four goals
to one by Royal Observatory in the
first round of the Inter-Unit Chal-
lenge Cup Competition on the
Diocesan Boys' School ground yester-
day they gave a creditable
performance.

The game was played at a fast
rate and was cleanly contested
throughout. The Signals were best
served by their right back and
centre-forward and outside-right.

Prominent for the winners were
Saunderson and Bird on the right
wing and Rowe in the intermediate
line.

Royal Observatory led at the
interval by the only goal, scored
by Stollack, and early in the
second half Bird increased the
lead through a penalty. Saund-
erson later scored twice.

Signals scored late in the game.

427 JEWS ARRESTED
Jerusalem, Dec. 6.
Four hundred and twenty-seven
Jewish illegal immigrants have
been arrested since the conclusion
of the European hostilities, it was
disclosed today by the Chief
Secretary of the Palestine Govern-
ment. 407 of them have been re-
leased while fifteen have been
deported at their own request.

New York, Dec. 6.
The Thoroughbred Racing As-
sociation has begun organization
of an investigation-bureau to
operate on a national scale. The
bureau's aim will be to clean up
horse racing by cracking down
on rule infractions. The action
follows a recent scandal over
"doping" of horses. -Associated
Press.

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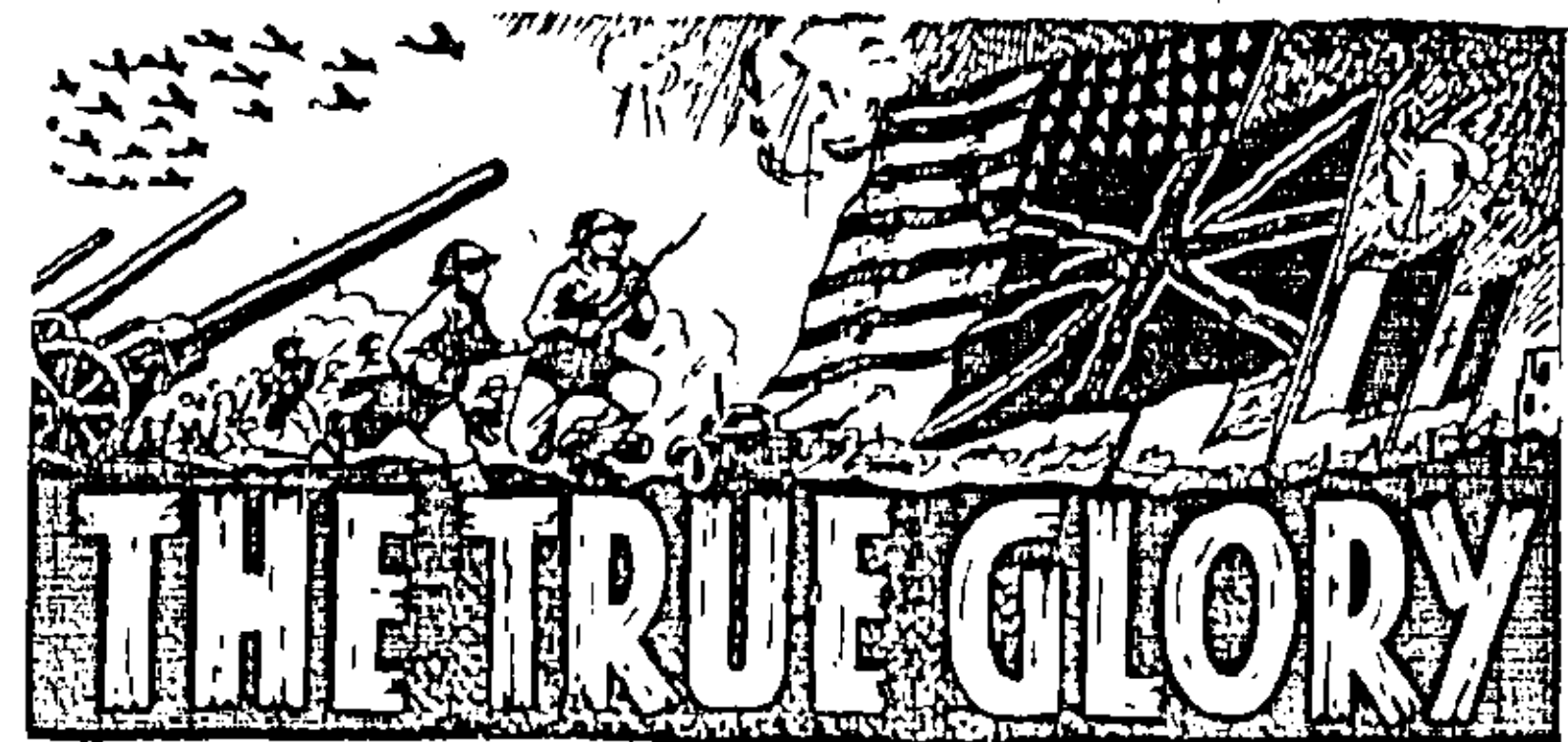
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A RED-FIRE DRAMA OF THE WEST THAT WAS TOLD
IN THE THUNDER OF GUNFIRE, GRIT AND GLORY!

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IN

THE
"TEXAS RANGERS"

WITH
LLOYD NOLAN, EDWARD BELLIS, BENNIE BABILETT
PRODUCED & DIRECTED BY KING VIDOR

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

MAJESTIC THEATRE

SHOWING TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.
JAMES STEWART,
JUDY GARLAND,
HEDY LAMARR, LENA JURNER

In
"ZEIGFELD GIRL"
an M-G-M Super Production
also Latest WAR NEWS

CATHAY
THEATRE
WAN CHAI ROAD

"OVER THE WALL"
with DICK FORAN, JUNE TRAVIS
A WARNER BROS. PICTURE

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DON AMERSON
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In
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A 20th Century-Fox Picture

TO-MORROW
GARY COOPER
CLAUDINE COLEBERT
IN
"FLUORBAARS
RIGHT WIFE"
A Paramount Picture

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TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
At 2.30, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.
ADOLPH ZUKOR
presents
HAROLD LLOYD
In
"PROFESSOR BEWARE"
with
PHYLLIS WILCOX,
RAYMOND WALBURN
and Others
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NOEL COWARD'S
Epic Life Story of
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"IN WHICH WE SERVE"
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DR. JONES MAKES CASE FOR JAPS

SINGAPORE, Jan. 25.—Gen. Bennett replied: "The safest thing I could have done was to stay there."

The Japanese tactics were new, he said, but "their application in the jungle was not of our men knew anything about jungle warfare."

Gen. Bennett said that as a body in Australia had experienced the conditions under which fighting took place he was the only one who could help.

"The enquiry was adjourned," Router.